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June 20, 2005

FORM 6-K
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

MITSUI OIL EXPLORATION CO., LTD. AGREES TO PURCHASE THAILAND OIL AND GAS ASSETS
FROM POGO

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of June 20, 2005

Commission File Number 09929

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

2-1, OHTEMACHI 1-CHOME CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO 100-0004 JAPAN

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports
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Yes No X
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 20, 2005

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Kazuya Imai

Name: Kazuya Imai
Title: Senior Executive Managing Officer
Chief Financial Officer

June 20, 2005
Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

For immediate release
To whom it may concern

Mitsui Oil Exploration Co., Ltd. Agrees to Purchase Thailand Oil and Gas Assets from Pogo

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ("Mitsui") today announced that on June 17, 2005 its associated company Mitsui Oil Exploration Co., Ltd. ("MOECO", Mitsui's share 44.34%) had, together with Thai company PTTEP Offshore Investment Company Limited(*), entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement to purchase oil and gas assets in Thailand from U.S. company Pogo Producing Company ("Pogo").

The assets being acquired comprise Pogo's 46.34% interest in the B8/32 Concession and the adjacent Block 9A Concession located in the Gulf of Thailand, and are one of the largest oil and natural gas producing blocks in Thailand. The transaction is expected to be completed by September 2005, subject to customary closing conditions, after which the concessionaires will be Chevron Corp. (51.66%), PTTEP (27.78%), MOECO (18.56%) and Palang Sophon Two (2%).

The acquisition price is US\$820 million in cash, of which MOECO will contribute approximately 40% and PTTEPO approximately 60%, with MOECO and PTTEPO acquiring interests in the concessions being sold by Pogo in proportion to their investment. Chevron Corp. operates the concessions, and recent daily production

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has averaged approximately 59,000 barrels of oil and 240 million cubic feet of natural gas.

MOECO is actively engaged in several oil and natural gas exploration, development and production projects in Thailand and neighboring countries. MOECO's current share of daily production in Thailand amounts to approximately 60,000 barrel oil equivalents, making MOECO the third largest producer of oil and natural gas in Thailand, after Unocal and PTTEP.

This acquisition of assets by MOECO is part of Mitsui's focus on oil and gas exploration and production business as the core of Mitsui's energy resources business sector. Mitsui intends to continue strengthening its revenue base through the aggressive acquisition of good quality upstream assets.

(*) Wholly-owned subsidiary of Thai company PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Limited ("PTTEP")

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